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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ECUADOREAN MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL
WHALING COMMISSION (IWC)

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1. POLCOUNS CALLED ON AMBASSADOR ALFREDO LUNA TOBAR, DIRGEN
OF TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY, ON APRIL 20 REGARDING THE
POSSIBILITY OF ECUADOR JOINING THE IWC IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
POLCOUNS POINTED OUT THAT WE WERE MAKING FURTHER SOUNDINGS
WITH ECUADOR BECAUSE OF THE RECEPTIVE RESPONSE THAT LUNA
TOBAR HAD MADE TO OUR PREVIOUS INQUIRY ABOUT A YEAR AGO.
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LUNA INDICATED THAT HE WAS STILL VERY WELL DISPOSED TOWARD
THE IDEA OF ECUADOREAN MEMBERSHIP, AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT
ECUADOR'S OWN STRONGLY CONSERVATIONIST POSITION ON A
REGIONAL TUNA FISHING ARRANGEMENT MIGHT BE BOLSTERED BY
ITS PARTICIPATION IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATIONIST
ACTIVITIES. AS WAS TO BE EXPECTED, LUNA WAS VERY INTERESTED
IN THE POSITIONS OF PERU AND CHILE TOWARD THE IWC AND WAS

IMPRESSED THAT THERE SEEMED TO BE ENCOURAGING PROSPECTS FOR PERU'S ENTRY. HE PROMISED TO REVIEW THE MATTER URGENTLY WITH OTHER INDIVIDUALS AND AGENCIES INVOLVED AND WOULD COME BACK WITH A MORE CONCRETE REPLY --- WHICH HE THOUGHT WOULD BE FAVORABLE --- AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. ALTHOUGH WE RECEIVED REPORTS THAT THE PROPOSAL WAS BEING FAVORABLY ENTERTAINED IN OTHER GOE AGENCIES, E.G., SUB-SECRETARIAT OF FISHING RESOURCES, NAVY OFFICE OF MARITIME DEVELOPMENT, LUNA DID NOT GET BACK TO EMBASSY UNTIL MAY 22, APOLOGIZING FOR THE DELAY BY NOTING THAT HE HAD BEEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY FOR TWO WEEKS. HE SAID THAT WHEN HE INDICATED A FAVORABLE ATTITUDE, HE HAD NOT REALIZED THAT THE SOUTH PACIFIC PERMANENT COMMISSION (SPPC) HAD CONSIDERED THE WHALING CONSERVATION QUESTION AT ITS NOVEMBER 1977 MEETING AT SANTIAGO. THE THREE MEMBER COUNTRIES ADOPTED A RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT A SURVEY OF THE PROBLEM AND TO DEAL WITH IT ON THE BASIS OF GREATER INFORMATION. BECAUSE OF THIS, LUNA SAID THAT FONMIN AYALA HAD DECIDED THAT ECUADOR COULD NOT COMMIT ITSELF FURTHER WITHOUT FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH PERU AND CHILE. AMBASSADOR LUIS PONCE ENRIQUEZ, FONOFF SR. ADVISOR ON MARINE AFFAIRS, WAS THE ECUADOREAN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SPPC AND HE HAD ONLY JUST RETURNED FROM THE GENEVA LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. ACCORDING TO LUNA, PONCE WILL BE REQUESTED TO PURSUE CONSULTATIONS WITH CHILE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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